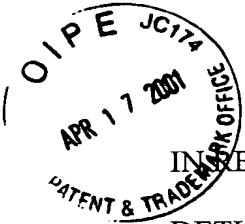


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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2001, please amend the application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

--26. (Amended) A device for processing hydrous polymer gel of variable thickness,  
comprising:

a cutting roll having at least one axially extending cross cutting element including a  
cutting edge, and a circumferentially extending cutting element including another cutting  
edge;

a back-up roll spaced from said cutting roll so as to form a nip, said back-up roll being  
mounted relative to said cutting roll such that at least one of said cutting edges cooperates  
with said back-up roll to cut a layer of hydrous polymer gel at the nip; and

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

Additional documents filed herewith: marked-up copy

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